

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Early Intervention Committee

LOCATION

**Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

Meeting Date

**March 12, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Amy Simpson - chair
Linda Borghols
Erin Kinavey
Karli Lopez
Diana Marsh
Ric Nelson

Community Members:

Sue Armstrong
Melora Gaber
Beth Kaplan

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant,
Peninsula Reporting

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome and Announcements

Review of the Council Mission Statement

“Creating change that improves the lives of people with disabilities.”

Announcements

Karli Lopez announced that Stone Soup Group is looking for board members, and anyone interested in being considered to serve on the board can e-mail her.

Christie Reinhardt announced that Representative Charisse Millet has been named as the legislative liaison to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

Brief Overview of ASSEC and Key Campaign

Christie Reinhardt reported that the ASSEC Conference was well attended. She reported that the Council sponsored the Inclusive Practice Award, which was given out at the luncheon, and it was won by a general education teacher from Hydaburg, Alaska.

Ric Nelson reported that Key Campaign went well this year and that it was very successful. He reported that a lot of families from around the state were in attendance and that people had good visits with the legislators. Amy Simpson announced that the respectful language bill passed while Key Campaign was in Juneau, which was very exciting.

Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

Amy Simpson reminded the committee that Full Lives will be meeting in Anchorage April 11th and 12th, 2013.

Amy Simpson announced the Early Childhood Mental Health Conference will be held April 30th through May 2nd, 2013 in Anchorage and that the topics will cover issues in early childhood mental health related to children

with substantiated reports of harm, the trauma that they endure, and how to work with those children.

Amy Simpson noted that April is National Autism Awareness Month and that there are many activities around the state regarding autism awareness.

Amy Simpson reported that the full Governor's Council meeting is scheduled for May 7th through May 9th, 2013 in Anchorage.

Committee Business

Approval of the Agenda

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to approve the agenda as written. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Melora Gaber **MOVED** to approve the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

Christie Reinhardt reported that she attended the State Board of Education meeting. Among the topics discussed, school choice and teacher effectiveness relating to the teacher evaluation standards and criteria were the most significant. She noted that the State is going to allow the Governor's Council to participate and have some input on the Educator Effectiveness Committee in order to bring a disability voice to the committee.

Review/Overview of AK EI/ILP New Policies and Procedures

Overview of New Part C Policies and Procedures

Erin Kinavey led the committee members through the PowerPoint presentation relating to Alaska Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program policies. The PowerPoint presentation was created in conjunction with the University of Oregon, who the State is working with on a project to help modernize the State of Alaska's regulations, policies, and on-site

monitoring tools. She noted that they have scheduled public comment regarding the policy and procedures for March 28th and 29th, 2013.

Erin Kinavey explained that most of the changes were basically clarifications that may change a form or create a new form around consent, change a specific practice, and also some slight tweaks to the current language. She noted that the most significant changes were based around the system of payment processes. She also noted that all the information is posted on their website as one of the requirements when they undergo changes at the federal level.

Comments

Most of the comment from the committee was around the shift from IFSP to a 619 program because this lies within the EIC work plan relating to outcomes. The policy may limit the ability to provide services for children under three who have less than a 50 percent delay and services for children birth to three to improve the process of transitioning those children by their third birthday.

Amy Simpson volunteered to begin an e-mail thread of comments and questions and send it to committee members to add their comments and questions. She will then summarize those and put together a draft for the committee members to discuss.

Partner Reports

AILPA

No report was available from AILPA.

EED

Meredith Jaecks reported that EED is in the planning process for next school year and are making schedules for the district monitoring. They have also begun the preliminary planning for the director's conference in September, which will include a strand for special education directors in the state. She noted that the Department is hoping to work with Erin Kinavey to ensure the new policies are clearly explained and that they are getting one clear message out with a united front when they present to the

districts. EED is looking forward to continuing a good working relationship between school districts and the ILPs in their areas. EED is also working on grants for both Part B and 619s for school districts.

EHDI

No report from EHDI was available for this meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.